

Remarks

I - II. INTERVIEW SUMMARY.

Applicants' representative appreciates the Examiner's discussion of the pending Action. Examiner Gilligan indicated that the pending rejections would be withdrawn in view of the filing date of the cited disclosure.

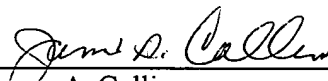
III. - XXIV. 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 73 - 92 stand rejected under Walker (U.S. Patent 6,689,362). The disclosure the Office Action cites was filed on February 11, 2003, which is more than three years and six months after Applicants' filing date. The cited matter is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

XXV. CONCLUSION.

In view of the remarks above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of the application.

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